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The signing of Memorandum of Understanding for Senior Digital Literacy Training Programme

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On April 3rd, the Ministry of Public Utilities, Energy, Logistics, and E-Governance and the Ministry of Human Development, Families, and Indigenous People's Affairs signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) establishing a partnership to implement a Senior's Digital Literacy Training course in Belize.

The MOU outlines the joint efforts of both ministries to collaborate on developing a digital skills training course for seniors nationwide. The program is expected to provide seniors with the knowledge and skills to effectively use digital technologies, utilize and access digital communications, conduct e-services, and safely navigate the internet.

The Seniors Digital Literacy Training course is funded by the United Nations Development Programme Belize (UNDP) and jointly executed by the E-Governance and Digitalization Unit and the National Council of Aging under the respective Ministries. This initiative falls under Belize's National Digital Inclusion Programme, which is guided by Belize's National Digital Agenda 2022-2025.

The course will be available for free to seniors across the country through the Ministry's network of Digital Connect Centers. To support social inclusion and connect generations, the course will involve youths as Digital Buddies to guide and assist in knowledge transmission. An estimated 540 seniors and 270 youths will be impacted through this training. Overall, the program will build upon the government's efforts to address social inequalities, unemployment, and the digital skills gap in Belize.

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